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Response "B" to Final Office Action of 29 Oct. 2002

In response to the Final Office Action dated 29 Oct. 2002, the applicants respond as follows.

A. In the Claims:

Please formally cancel claims 53-78 without prejudice.

Please cancel claims 21 to 39, and 44, 45, 47, and 49-52.

40. (amended) A wash liquor composition for use in laundering a fabric load comprising:

a) a non-reactive, non-aqueous, non-oleophilic, apolar working fluid, and

b) at least one non-aqueous, detergent, fluid washing additive.

41. The composition of Claim 40, wherein the working fluid comprises a fluorine-containing compound selected from the group consisting of perfluorocarbon, hydrofluoroether, fluorinated hydrocarbon, and fluoroinert.

42. The composition of Claim 41, wherein the fluorine-containing compound is $(CF_3(CF_2)_n)_3N$, where n is an integer from 4 to 20.

43. The composition of Claim 40, wherein the non aqueous washing additive is selected from the group consisting of surfactant, ~~enzyme~~, bleach, ozone, ~~ultraviolet light~~, hydrophobic solvent, hydrophilic solvent, ~~deodorizer~~, ~~fragrance~~, ~~antistatic agent~~, ~~antistain agent~~, and mixtures thereof.